



FEBRUARY 2017

PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUM

**Monday, February 27
7:00 p.m.**

Jr./Sr. High School Library

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

**Tuesday, March 14
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
Lobby outside of the Jr./Sr.
High School Gymnasium

WHO CAN VOTE?

U.S. citizens, age 18 or older on election day and residing in the Warrensburg Central School District 30 days immediately prior to election day.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

District residents may apply for absentee ballots at the District Clerk's Office on Schroon River Road at least seven (7) days before the election if you need the ballot mailed to you; OR before 5 p.m. on Monday, March 13 if you are going to deliver the ballot in person to the District Clerk.

WARRENSBURG

—CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT—

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Residents of the Warrensburg Central School District will vote on an \$11 million capital improvement project on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. The project is the result of evaluation, research, and collaboration between the Board of Education, administration, and district architect following the compilation of a Building Condition Survey, which is required every five years by New York State. Additionally, on October 24, 2016 the Board of Education held a community forum to share the findings and gain public input regarding the needs of the district. Our current needs focus on health and safety concerns, energy efficiency improvements, and protecting and extending the life of our capital assets through the implementation of sound planning and maintenance.

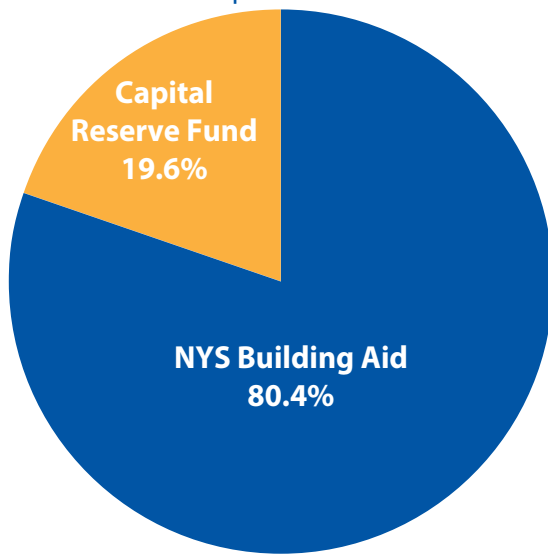
Just like your home, our school facilities require attention and maintenance to keep them operating and efficient. The Jr./Sr. High School facility was constructed in 1992, and most of the finishes and equipment will be more than 25 years old by the time the proposed project is enacted; while the Elementary facilities will be more than 70 years old. Lastly, programs change and expand over time, and our spaces require upgrades to accommodate these changes in a 21st Century Learning Environment. The Warrensburg Central School Board of Education is proposing a capital improvement project that includes:

- Improving safety and increasing security at both of our facilities by constructing secure entry vestibules, replacing lock sets to meet ADA compliance, and upgrading the fire alarm systems.
- Optimizing mechanical and electrical systems to reduce long-term operating costs by upgrading light fixtures and replacing inefficient mechanical units.
- Upgrading failing infrastructure and renew aging building systems such as leaking pipes and valves, boilers, windows, deteriorated asphalt, walks, and masonry.
- Replacing deteriorated equipment and finishes, floors, ceilings, bleachers, and water coolers.
- Converting the current High School Cafetorium into a space to accommodate large group instruction, testing, meetings, and performances. This space would be utilized for instruction, testing, and professional development, in addition to providing our drama and music programs with a performance facility. A dedicated space would reduce the time custodial staff currently spend converting the cafetorium for practice and performances. To accommodate this change in function, we would relocate the cafeteria, which would be available for students to study in during non-lunch periods, as it would not host the classes, rehearsals and distractions in its current state. The Strength and Conditioning Room would be upgraded and relocated closer to the Gymnasium to accommodate the cafeteria relocation.

The proposed project is expected to reduce operating costs and free up time spent maintaining aging equipment. Most importantly, it aligns with our district's mission statement, in providing our students with a safe and supportive environment to become respectful and successful citizens of the global community.

ESTIMATED FUNDING SOURCES

By utilizing the \$3,000,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund along with NYS Building Aid, the net local share of the project will result in no additional tax impact.



NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT

PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

	High School	Elementary School	Totals
Safety, Security & Site Improvements	\$ 313,776	\$ 278,850	\$ 592,626
Energy Efficiency & Infrastructure Upgrades	\$ 1,150,090	\$ 2,659,413	\$ 3,809,503
Program Improvements	\$ 4,042,324	\$ 759,330	\$ 4,801,654
Total	\$ 5,506,190	\$ 3,697,593	\$ 9,203,783

Professional Fees and Soft Costs (including contingency) \$ 1,841,217

Including:
 Architect, engineering, and design
 Legal, fiscal and administrative
 Furnishings and equipment
 Construction management and materials testing

Project Total	\$11,045,000
Less Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 3,000,000
Total Borrowing (NY State Aid)	\$ 8,045,000
Net Local Share after NY State Aid	\$0.00
Projected Full Value Tax Increase	\$0.00

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: How will the capital improvement project be financed?

A: The district has completed the last two capital projects with zero local tax impact. As a result of sound financial management, this project will also have no impact on the tax levy. Over the past ten years, the district has reduced costs, increased efficiencies, and paid down debt. Our current Capital Reserve Fund, combined with other reserves and NYS Building Aid, will allow us to complete the entire project with no impact on taxes. In addition, many of the safety upgrades will be financed by the NYS Smart Schools Investment Bond Act. Operational costs and/or increases to utility bills are not expected since a major aspect of the project focuses on updating inefficient mechanical and electrical systems and replacing failing equipment.

Q: If there is no local cost, why is there a public vote?

A: Although there is no net increase in cost to the taxpayers, NYS Education Law still requires a public referendum on any capital project.

Q: What is the impact should the vote not pass?

A: The work included in this Capital Project will still need to be done. Failing infrastructures and deteriorating equipment will only become greater safety issues and more costly to repair over time. If not passed, funding would have to come from the annual budget.

Q: What is the project timetable?

A: The vote will be held on March 14, 2017 and should it pass, the project will be submitted to the State Education Department in December 2017. The construction work will be phased over summer and fall months of 2019 and 2020. Once completed, the project is expected to reduce operating costs and free up time spent maintaining aging equipment. Most importantly, it aligns with our district's mission statement, in providing our students with a safe and supportive environment to become respectful and successful citizens of the global community.

Jr./Sr. High School

Safety & Security

- Upgrade fire alarm and emergency lighting
- Replace lock sets to be ADA compliant
- Create secure entry vestibule
- Replace gym bleachers



Energy Efficiency

- Upgrade lighting
- Replace failing AC units
- Replace failing window units



Infrastructure Upgrades

- Upgrade piping and valves
- Replace water coolers
- Modernize toilet rooms
- Repair cracked masonry

Site Improvements

- Create new exit from parking lot
- Reconstruct deteriorated asphalt and walks



Programs

- Convert Cafetorium into multi-purpose large group instruction space, testing site, and auditorium.
- Relocate Cafeteria and reorganize Kitchen
- Relocate Strength & Conditioning Room
- Provide site bleachers and concessions

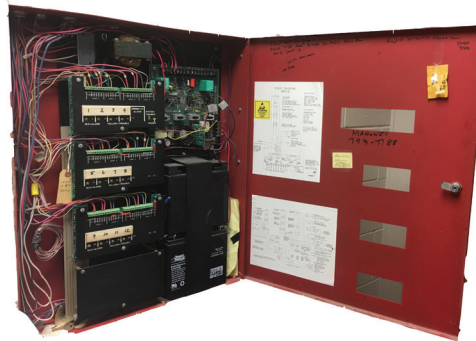
Elementary School

Safety & Security

- Upgrade fire alarm and emergency lighting
- Replace lock sets to be ADA compliant
- Create secure entry vestibule
- Replace antiquated electrical panels
- Replace gym bleachers

Energy Efficiency

- Replace boilers
- Replace mechanical equipment
- Replace failing window units



Infrastructure Upgrades

- Upgrade piping and valves
- Replace water coolers
- Replace maintenance sinks
- Modernize toilet rooms
- Repair cracked masonry

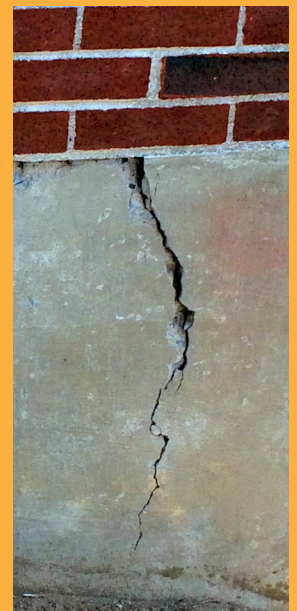
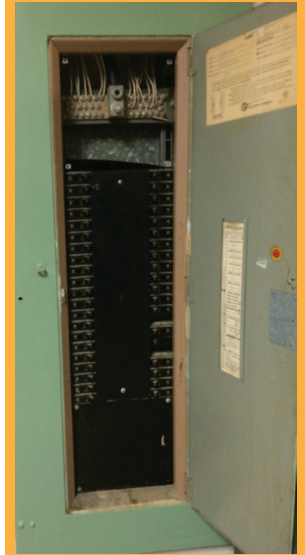


Site Improvements

- Create new exit from parking lot
- Reconstruct deteriorated asphalt and walks
- Replace softball backstop

Programs

- Modernize four (4) classrooms
- Replace flooring and ceiling finishes
- Replace gym equipment



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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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WRESTLING TEAM CAPTURES CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Congratulations to the wrestling team for capturing the NYS Section 2, Class D Championship title for the second consecutive year. The sectionals tournament was hosted by Warrensburg on Saturday, February 4, 2017. The championship topped off many accomplishments throughout the season. In addition to defending their state title, they also defended their Adirondack League Championship title.

For the first time ever, they were able to bring home the trophy created by Mr. Donato's manufacturing class (below, right) as they swept the Warrensburg Duals for the first time in the meet's history, with a score of 5-0. They then swept the Granville Duals with a 5-0 record. The team is coached by Mr. Mark Trapasso and Mr. Scott McKenna.

Coach Trapasso stated, "We really wrestled well all season long, from beginning to end. This was one of our goals, obviously. To win at home with a ton of fans and the support from everybody is a big deal and an honor."



2017 NYS CLASS D CHAMPIONS

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